

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2020 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ~ Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 ~ **Matthew 5:21-37**

The MISSION of
Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)
is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ
with everyone through Worship, Prayer,
Education, Fellowship, and Mission Outreach.

Gathering around God's Word

HYMN PRELUDE

O God, You Are My God

Step by Step, GtG 743

(choir and congregation will sing)

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the fellowship pad to the inside aisle.

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Though I May Speak

The Gift of Love, GtG 693

(choir and congregation will sing)

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,

All: **who seek God with their whole hearts.**

Leader: Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of blessing, you call us to be one with you and your creation in love, faithfulness, and truth. Help us to carry out the vows we make: to adore you with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if your reign has fully come. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart, GtG 688

CONFESSION and time of self-examination *(congregation may be seated)*

Leader: Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

All: Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive, GtG 444, verses 1 and 4

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

⌘ **GLORIA PATRI** *Glory Be to the Father, GtG 581*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

⌘ **PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST**
May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Encountering God's Word

⌘ **SONG for ILLUMINATION**
God Is Calling Through the Whisper, GtG 410

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kim Burdick
(Preschool children are now excused to the Church Nursery)

The ANTHEM

Evan & Haley Williams

The SCRIPTURE

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Matthew 5:21-37

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Confession of 1967 9.17
God has created human beings for a personal relation with God's self that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in a society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. Amen.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, GtG 753

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Jesus said, If you remember that a brother or sister has something against you, first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift. In peace, let us bring our offerings to God.

(congregation may be seated)

The OFFERTORY

Evan & Haley Williams

⌘ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, GtG 606*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

⌘ PRAYER of DEDICATION

Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. Amen.

(congregation may be seated)

MORNING PRAYER & OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in Heaven!**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen!**

Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds

⌘ CLOSING HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee, GtG 738*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

Step by Step, GtG 743

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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SESSION		
2020	2021	2022
John Hargleroad	Karen DiOrio	Lynne Exley
Rowena Baker	Michelle John (2)	Ted Owens (2)
Jill Flanagan (2)	Bob Kanters (2)	Frank Provance
Bettie Steele (2)	Drew Seabright	Jim Squibb
DEACONS		
2020	2021	2022
Diane Crawl (2)	Kathy Hannan (2)	Kathy Baker
Russ Green (2)	Tom John	Andy Barger
Janet Hart (2)	Kevin Miller	Don Dague
Joelle Oliver	Joanne Winters (2)	Danna Tyska

The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Erica L. Harley ~ Senior Pastor

Jane Schockey ~ Church Administrator/C.E. Director

Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music

Russ Brown ~ Head Custodian

Jay Carenbauer ~ Custodian

Keith Wilson ~ Sound, Video, and Media Coordinator

Christina Kestner ~ Seminary Intern for Outreach & Community Service

Kimberly Wolfe ~ Nursery Attendant

~ MINISTERS of the CHURCH: ALL MEMBERS ~

MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN

Caleb and Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

COMMISSIONS	ELDER MEMBERS
Building and Property	Jim Squibb, John Hargleroad, Drew Seabright
Christian Education	Jill Flanagan and Bettie Steele
Evangelism, Fellowship, & Membership	John Hargleroad, Michelle John, Bob Kanters, and Karen DiOrio
Mission Outreach & Community Service	Michelle John, Karen DiOrio and Rowena Baker
Worship & Music	Bob Kanters, Lynne Exley, and Bettie Steele
COMMITTEES	ELDER MEMBERS
Nominating	Rowena Baker and Michelle John
Personnel	Drew Seabright and Jim Squibb
Stewardship, Finance & Memorial	Frank Provance
DEACON LEADERS	Diane Crawl and Janet Hart
OFFICERS	
Clerk of Session	Julie Squibb
Church Treasurer	Paul Limbert

Advanced News Weekly

- Welcome to Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, a traditional church with Spirit, serving the greater Wheeling community and beyond! We welcome our radio congregation listening to our live worship on 97.3 WKWK-FM. Radio listeners can go to vancechurch.org, select the "News" tab and choose "Bulletin" to follow along with a PDF of the worship service. If you ever need prayer or would like home communion, please contact the church office at 1-304-232-0980.
- Good Morning! Please fill-out, sign and pass the Pew Pad to fellow worshippers and place it in the pew rack near the center aisle. Please place today's slip in the offering plate as it passes.
- Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available at the Welcome center in the Narthex. Inquire with an usher and they will assist you.
- Our Church Nursery is available every Sunday during worship for infant through pre-school children. Pre-school children are encouraged to stay in worship until after the children's sermon.
- We thank Karen DiOrio for serving as our liturgist in worship.
- We thank Evan and Haley Williams for serving as our worship leaders this morning.
- We thank Kim Burdick for giving our children's message in worship this morning.
- Chancel Flowers have been given in honor of Grace, Ella, and Nicolas Landini by Virginia Dulany and Family.
- Commission/Committee Meetings: Deacons—Sun. Feb. 16 @ 11:00am, Squibb Room
- Dates and Deadlines: President's Day—Mon. Feb. 17, 2020; CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Mark Your Calendar for our Lenten Group Study! Lent kicks off in 2020 at the end of February beginning with Ash Wednesday on 2/26/2020. We will have our annual Ash Wednesday service and then begin our Adult Group Study on Wednesday, March 4, and it will run for the 6 weeks in Lent. As always, we will begin the night packing food bags for Woodsdale School at 5:30pm followed by a hearty soup and bread meal at 6:00pm and then have our discussion group at 6:30pm, all in the Robbie Clarke Room. Please Join Us. This Lent our Study will be the book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by New York Time Bestselling Author, Barbara Brown Taylor.